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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2574**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Rodriguez**

February 21, 2014

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An act to ~~add Section 9600.6 to amend Sections 132400 and 132450 of the Unemployment Insurance Public Utilities Code, relating to employment development the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2574, as amended, Rodriguez. ~~Employment–Development Department: workforce needs: biennial report: Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority.~~

*Existing law creates the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority for purposes relating to the development of a light rail project extending from the City of Los Angeles to the Cities of Pasadena and Montclair.*

*This bill would provide for the extension of the project to the City of Ontario, instead of the City of Montclair.*

*Existing law creates the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) and requires LACMTA to assume responsibility for operating all completed phases of the light rail project. Existing law grants LACMTA the authority to operate the portion of the light rail project that extends approximately one-half mile from the Los Angeles and San Bernardino County line to the Montclair Transit Center, subject to approval by the San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) of an operations and maintenance agreement,*

*as specified, with respect to the portion of the project on the right-of-way owned by SANBAG.*

*This bill would instead grant LACMTA authority to operate the portion of the light rail project that extends from the Los Angeles and San Bernardino County line to the LA/Ontario International Airport, subject to the approval of SANBAG described above.*

*Because this bill would require a local authority to assume additional responsibilities, it would create a state-mandated local program.*

*The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.*

*This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.*

~~Existing law requires the Employment Development Department to administer various job training and placement programs and services for eligible persons, as provided, and requires that the department, among other things, develop a statewide plan and area plans to coordinate all programs it administers, as specified. Existing law requires the director of the department to prepare an annual report for the Governor, the Legislature, and the California Workforce Investment Board regarding the training expenditures made by local workforce investment boards in the prior fiscal year, as specified.~~

~~This bill would require the department to develop a biennial report regarding state workforce need projections and credential production, as specified. The bill would also require the department, by January 1, 2015, and every 2 years thereafter, to provide a copy of the report to the appropriate policy committees in both the Assembly and Senate, to the Governor, to the Board of Regents of the University of California, the Board of Trustees of the California State University, and to the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, and to collaborate with the State Department of Education in providing the report to the public school districts. The bill would authorize the department to provide the report electronically.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: ~~no~~ yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     *SECTION 1. Section 132400 of the Public Utilities Code is*  
2     *amended to read:*

3     132400. For purposes of this chapter, the following terms have  
4     the following meanings:

5     (a) The “authority” is the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension  
6     Construction Authority created under this chapter, formerly known  
7     as the Pasadena Metro Blue Line Construction Authority.

8     (b) The “board” is the governing board of the authority.

9     (c) The “commission” is the California Transportation  
10    Commission.

11    (d) The “LACMTA” is the Los Angeles County Metropolitan  
12    Transportation Authority.

13    (e) The “project” is the Los Angeles-Pasadena Foothill  
14    Extension Gold Line light rail project, formerly known as the Los  
15    Angeles-Pasadena Metro Blue Line, extending from Union Station  
16    in the City of Los Angeles to Sierra Madre Villa Boulevard in the  
17    City of Pasadena and any mass transit guideway that may be  
18    planned east of Sierra Madre Villa Boulevard along the rail  
19    right-of-way extending to the City of ~~Montclair~~ *Ontario*.

20    (f) The “extension cities” are the Cities of Arcadia, Monrovia,  
21    Duarte, Irwindale, Azusa, Glendora, San Dimas, La Verne,  
22    Pomona, Claremont, ~~and Montclair~~ *Montclair, Upland, and*  
23    *Ontario*.

24    *SEC. 2. Section 132450 of the Public Utilities Code is amended*  
25    *to read:*

26    132450. (a) (1) The LACMTA shall assume responsibility  
27    for operating all completed phases of the project.

28    (2) Subject to subparagraph (A), the LACMTA shall have the  
29    authority to operate the portion of the project located in the County  
30    of San Bernardino, which extends ~~approximately one-half mile~~  
31    from the Los Angeles and San Bernardino County line to the  
32    ~~Montclair Transit Center~~ *LA/Ontario International Airport*.

33    (A) With respect to the portion of the project on the right-of-way  
34    owned by the San Bernardino Associated Governments, the  
35    LACMTA’s authority to operate the project shall be contingent  
36    upon the approval of the board of directors of the San Bernardino  
37    Associated Governments, acting as the county transportation

1 commission, through approval of an operations and maintenance  
2 agreement with the LACMTA.

3 (B) The operations and maintenance agreement shall provide  
4 that the San Bernardino Associated Governments reimburse the  
5 LACMTA for the costs of operating that portion of the line located  
6 in the County of San Bernardino.

7 (C) Prior to the commencement of construction of the portion  
8 of the project in the County of San Bernardino, the authority shall  
9 enter into a construction agreement with the San Bernardino  
10 Associated Governments, acting as the county transportation  
11 commission.

12 (3) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the  
13 LACMTA to allocate funds to the project beyond funds that have  
14 been allocated as of January 1, 2012.

15 (b) The authority shall be dissolved when project construction  
16 has been completed.

17 *SEC. 3. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to*  
18 *Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because*  
19 *the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school*  
20 *district are the result of a program for which legislative authority*  
21 *was requested by that local agency or school district, within the*  
22 *meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code and Section 6*  
23 *of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.*

24 ~~SECTION 1. Section 9600.6 is added to the Unemployment~~  
25 ~~Insurance Code, to read:~~

26 ~~9600.6. (a) The department shall, in consultation with the~~  
27 ~~University of California, the California State University, the~~  
28 ~~California Community Colleges, the California Workforce~~  
29 ~~Investment Board, and any other entity deemed appropriate by~~  
30 ~~department, develop a biennial report regarding state~~  
31 ~~workforce-need projections and credential production. The report~~  
32 ~~is to be produced to the extent practicable within available existing~~  
33 ~~resources and subject to data currently collected by and accessible~~  
34 ~~to state agencies. The report shall do all of the following:~~

35 ~~(1) Indicate the state's anticipated workforce needs and the~~  
36 ~~number of degrees, certificates, and other credentials that public~~  
37 ~~and private institutions of higher education expect to issue.~~

38 ~~(2) Indicate the state's anticipated number of degrees,~~  
39 ~~certificates, and other credentials that high school career and~~

1 technical programs, apprenticeship programs, and other public or  
2 private workforce training programs expect to issue.

3 (3) Identify any workforce needs, including areas of  
4 specialization within a particular vocation, that may not be met by  
5 the education, training, and apprenticeship programs as reported  
6 pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (2).

7 (4) Identify institutions, whether public or private, that may  
8 meet projected workforce needs.

9 (b) (1) Notwithstanding Section 10231.5 of the Government  
10 Code, the department shall, by January 1, 2015, and every two  
11 years thereafter, provide a copy of the report to the appropriate  
12 policy committees in both the Assembly and Senate, to the  
13 Governor, to the Board of Regents of the University of California,  
14 the Board of Trustees of the California State University, and to  
15 the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges.

16 (c) The department shall collaborate with the State Department  
17 of Education in providing the report to the public school districts  
18 in this state.

19 (d) The report required by this section may be provided  
20 electronically.